

## The Indiana Department of Correction Exhibits Restored Trucks

Indianapolis, Indiana (August 29, 2008) – Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) offenders in vocational programs at the Plainfield Correctional Facility and the Pendleton Correctional Facility restored two pickup trucks and their supervisors showed off their work today.

The trucks were on display today in Orr Plaza between the Indiana Government Center South and North Buildings. Offenders restored the trucks as part of their vehicle restoration vocational program, a program that gives the offenders valuable skills that will ultimately assist them upon their release from prison. Staff who worked on the vehicles showed before and after pictures chronicling the dramatic transformations of the trucks.

IDOC Commissioner Edwin G. Buss praised the great work of the offenders and supervisors as he surveyed the trucks. “These trucks display the hard work and vision of offenders in the vocational programs, and I appreciate how the dedicated supervisors helped make these projects possible at no cost to the state through donations. Clearly, having offenders learn a useful skill, such as auto body work and vehicle restoration, can only help them in their re-entry to society,” commented Commissioner Buss.

The vehicles will be auctioned off on September 19 at the ADESA auto auction in Plainfield, with the proceeds going to the Victims of Violent Crimes Fund.



Commissioner Buss inspects the restored truck from Pendleton.



Commissioner Buss looks over the before and after pictures of the trucks.



DOC employees check out both trucks.

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